**Unit 4 Study Guide**

(Includes Chapters 12, 13, 14, and 15)

* This is a guide to help you study for the unit exam.
* This does not necessarily include every detail that will be included on the exam.
* Use this as a tool to guide your studying.
* Anything we have discussed, read in the text, seen in a video, taken notes on, or covered during a group activity may be on the exam.

**Vocabulary** (Be familiar with the following words.)

Chapter 15

Genealogy

Folktale

Chapter 14

Emir/Amir

Succession

Patrilineal

Chapter 13

Middlemen

Matrilineal

Porter

Deposit

Chapter 12

Tribute

* Caravan
* Nomad
* Sedentary
* Barter
* Irrigate
* Terrace
* Convert
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* Prophet
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**Focus Questions**

**Chapter 12**

* Name and describe the four vegetation zones in Africa.
* What led villages to grow into cities?
* How does a surplus of food affect trade, and why does the surplus have this effect?
* What are the 3 West African kingdoms discussed in the text?
* How did the rulers of trade cities become wealthy?
* What are some advantages and disadvantages of being part of a kingdom?

**Chapter 13**

* What was Ghana’s role in trans-Saharan trade?
* Analyze the graphic organizer on page 145 of your text.
* Why were salt and gold important goods and who were they important to?
* What are some other goods traded along trans-Saharan trade routes?
* How did Ghana become a great and wealthy kingdom?
* What roles did Ghana’s military have in the kingdom?
* What factors led to the decline of Ghana?
* What people rose to power after the fall of Ghana and what was the name of their kingdom?

**Chapter 14**

* What are the different ways Islam spread throughout West Africa?
* How was Islam accepted and practiced by Ghana, Mali, and Songhai?
* Who was Mansa Musa?
* What effect did Mansa Musa’s hajj have on the kingdom of Mali?
* What are the ways Islam influenced West Africa? Be able to give specific examples.
* What did the trading city of Timbuktu become well known for?

**Chapter 15**

* What is a griot and functions do they perform?
* Why are griots an important part of West African culture?
* What does music communicate and celebrate in West African society?
* Explain the importance of music and dance in West African culture?
* What do West Africans use Folktales, Proverbs, and Written Tradition for?